



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Applicants : Giampiero Maggioni et al.
 Application No. : 09/740,737
 Filed : December 18, 2000
 For : LOOP-TYPE VOLTAGE REGULATING DEVICE

Examiner : Julio C. Gonzalez
 Art Unit : 2834
 Docket No. : 856063.677
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002, applicants respectfully request that the time for response be extended three months to September 13, 2002. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ⁵/₇, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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 The control unit 14 is in fact normally connected to a plurality of sensors 16 that provide it with different variables INF related to the operation of the engine 15. Among other parameters, the control unit 14 will have information or data about the drive torque value, engine rpm, engine temperature, and whether the driver of the vehicle is speeding up. In addition, the control unit 14 will monitor the load applied to the electric system.